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Application No. 10/765,962
Amendment dated April 18, 2007
After Final Office Action of October 18, 2007

Docket No.: 2694-0142P

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-20 and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, and 21 have been canceled and claims 5-10 and 22 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 2, 3 and 16-18 are allowed.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the Amendment filed on August 22, 2006 under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the term "non-metallic synthetic foils." As will be seen by the above Amendments, the term "non-metallic" has been deleted. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-10 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While applicants disagree with this rejection, the term "plastic" has been changed to "synthetic" in order to expedite prosecution. The claimed subject matter should be described in

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and 103 rejections should now be reconsidered and withdrawn. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment should at least address the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection and therefore simplify the issues for Appeal. If the Examiner does not immediately allow this application, it is therefore requested that this Amendment be entered for the purposes of Appeal. Nonetheless, it should be unnecessary to proceed to Appeal because this application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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